

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 2464

Entitled the “Congressional Health Insurance Accountability Act.”

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 27 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 12), 1994

Mr. WOFFORD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

Entitled the “Congressional Health Insurance Accountability Act.”

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF CON-**  
4 **GRESS FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE FED-**  
5 **ERAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS PRO-**  
6 **GRAM.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Congress has failed to enact legislation  
9 that extends health insurance to all Americans and  
10 reduces inflation in health care costs;

1           (2) Members of Congress may obtain health in-  
2           surance through the Federal Employees Health Ben-  
3           efits Program, which provides Members of Congress  
4           with guaranteed and affordable private health insur-  
5           ance, choice of health plans and choice of doctor,  
6           and no exclusions for preexisting medical conditions;  
7           and

8           (3) Members of Congress currently receive on  
9           average a 72 percent contribution of their health in-  
10          surance premiums from their employer, the tax-  
11          payers.

12          (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to provide  
13          that Members of Congress shall not obtain taxpayer-fi-  
14          nanced health insurance under the favorable conditions es-  
15          tablished through the Federal Employees Health Benefits  
16          Program unless Congress enacts health reform legislation  
17          that gives the American people the type of affordable,  
18          guaranteed health insurance that Members of Congress  
19          have provided for themselves.

20          (c) LIMITATION ON FEDERAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH  
21          BENEFITS PLAN COVERAGE FOR MEMBERS OF CON-  
22          GRESS.—Effective on January 1, 1995.—

23                 (1) the Office of Personnel Management shall—

1 (A) terminate the enrollment of any Mem-  
2 ber of Congress in a health benefits plan under  
3 chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code; and

4 (B) prohibit the original enrollment, re-en-  
5 rollment, or change of enrollment of any Mem-  
6 ber of Congress in such a plan; and

7 (2) the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk  
8 of the House of Representatives shall cease making  
9 applicable employee withholdings and Government  
10 contributions under section 8906 of title 5, United  
11 States Code, for any Member of Congress.

12 (d) CONTINUED COVERAGE.—A Member of Congress  
13 who is enrolled in a health benefits plan under chapter  
14 89 of title 5, United States Code, on December 31, 1994,  
15 may receive continued coverage under section 8905a of  
16 such title.

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